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P/E Chief delivered reftel demarche on the Belarus anti-U.S. resolutions to MFA State Counselor Milan Spirodonovski on November 16. Spirodonovski agreed that the Belarus resolutions were retaliatory in nature and was confident Macedonia would oppose them at the UN. He had not seen yet seen the text of the UN 3rd Committee country-specific resolution on Belarus, and said he would need to consult with his MFA colleagues in the Multilateral Affairs Department and at Macedonia's UN Mission in New York before taking a position on it. On November 20, MFA State Counselor for Multilateral Affairs Svetlana Geleva informed P/E Chief that Macedonia opposed and would vote against the Belarus anti-U.S. resolutions, and would support the EU position on the 3rd Committee country-specific resolution on Belarus. MILOVANOVIC